SUMMARY OF PROPOSED FLOOR DRAFT:

Bill 22 (2017), CD1 - RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SPAY AND NEUTER CLINIC FOR DOGS AND CATS.

PROPOSED FD1 makes the following amendments:

- A. Removes proposed ROH subsection 7-5.1(a)(5) which would have established a fee of no more than \$10.00 for the spay or neutering of a feral or community cat.
- B. Removes proposed ROH subsection 7-5.1(e) which would have set the reimbursement to veterinarians at \$25.00 for the spaying or neutering of a feral or community cat and would have set the required microchip identification cost to the owner at no more than \$10.00.
- C. Adds an uncodified Section 3 which establishes a pilot project to reduce the City's pet overpopulation through the humane spaying and neutering of free-roaming cats and specifies the following requirements for the pilot project:
 - (1) The price of a certificate for the spaying of a free-roaming female cat or the neutering of a free-roaming male cat must not exceed \$10.00;
 - (2) The change in the certificate price shall not reduce the contracted reimbursement rate for veterinarians;
 - (3) The pilot project will cease to exist on June 30, 2018; and
 - (4) The City administration shall submit to the Council a report summarizing the results of the pilot project by August 31, 2018.
- D. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.



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RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SPAY AND NEUTER CLINIC FOR DOGS AND CATS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the City's spay and neuter clinic and program.

SECTION 2. Section 7-5.1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 7-5.1 Authority for clinic and fees.

- (a) The [City and County-of Honolulu] city is authorized and empowered to establish a clinic, through a fee-for-service contract, at which members of the public may have dogs and cats spayed or neutered in a humane manner. Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), members of the public shall pay either the following fees or the cost to the city under the fee-for-service contract for services performed, whichever is less:
 - (1) For spaying a female dog, \$150.00[-];
 - (2) For spaying a female cat, \$50.00[-];
 - (3) For neutering a male dog, \$125.00[-]; and
 - (4) For neutering a male cat, \$40.00.
- (b) A member of the public who has been issued an EBT card, low-income housing voucher, or Medicaid card shall pay a fee of \$20.00 for the spaying of a female dog or cat or the neutering of a male dog or cat. For the purpose of this subsection[-]:
 - (1) [an] "EBT card" means a card issued by the state department of human services that will allow the holder to access social service benefits in an electronic benefit transfer account.
 - (2) "Low-income housing voucher" means a voucher or other form of documentation from the state or city that verifies that the household is currently receiving rental assistance for low-income households.

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- (3) "Medicaid card" means a card issued by the state department of human services under the federal Medicaid program for health care coverage.
- (c) In addition to the fees established in subsections (a) and (b), a veterinarian may charge additional fees for spaying or neutering the following types of animals:
 - (1) Cats or dogs older than 3 years of age; and
 - (2) Dogs weighing over 45 pounds.

The veterinarian shall inform the animal owner of any additional charges prior to accepting an animal for spay or neuter surgery.

(d) The veterinarian shall conduct an examination prior to spay or neuter surgery to determine that the animal is healthy and medically fit to undergo surgery. The veterinarian's decision regarding the animal's fitness for surgery [shall] will be final."

SECTION 3. The City administration, in conjunction with the animal control contractor, shall establish a pilot project to reduce the City's pet overpopulation through the humane spaying and neutering of free-roaming cats. The requirements for the pilot project are as follows:

- (1) The price of a certificate for the spaying of a free-roaming female cat or the neutering of a free-roaming male cat must not exceed \$10.00;
- (2) The change in the certificate price shall not reduce the contracted reimbursement rate for veterinarians;
- (3) The pilot project will cease to exist on June 30, 2018; and
- (4) The City administration shall submit to the Council a report summarizing the results of the pilot project by August 31, 2018.

SECTION 4. In Section 2 of this ordinance, ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken, and new material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the brackets, the material that has been bracketed and stricken, or the underscoring.



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SECTION 5. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

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